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SUBJECT Lack Of Intelligence On Grenada

BOB EDWARDS: A frequently raised question about the U.S. invasion of Grenada is whether U.S. forces had adequate advance information about the situation on the island.

Administration officials say U.S. forces encountered more resistance than expected, especially from Cubans on the island. Once there, a U.S. intelligence failure.

NPR's Ted Clarke explores that question in this report.

TED CLARKE: In responding to charges that there was an intelligence failure, the President's supporters do something rather unusual. Instead of refusing to talk about intelligence sources as is customary, they say quite openly that the U.S. had no agents on the ground in Grenada.

Here's how National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane put it last Thursday.

ROBERT MCFARLANE: Well, I think when you don't have any intelligence resources there at all something can't fail that isn't there.

CLARKE: And yesterday, House Minority Leader Robert Michel left the White House meeting prepared, like McFarlane, to tell reporters that no one was gathering intelligence for the U.S. in Grenada.

Michel speaks with some authority as an ex-officio